



**Policy and Procedure
LA Cycle 2025–2028**

WCPP IJF World Tour Events

**Personal Programme
Criteria & Policy**

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Introduction

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to outline the performance standards required to be considered for application to attend IJF World Tour Events and EJU Events. From **January 2025 – November 2028** the following Personal Programme Criteria applies to all fighters on the World Class Performance Programme (WCPP) and British Junior & Senior Squads.

The British Championships is the pinnacle of our Club system, and all medallists (including any co-opted fighters) will form the British Squad and have the opportunity to support their own competition programme and represent GBR on the international circuit in IJF & EJU Tour events, by meeting the required **Performance Standards** as outlined in the table below.

British Judo World Class Performance Programme

All fighters on the British Judo WCPP will have IJF World Tour Events, EJU Events and Training Camps planned into their Individual Medal Winning Plan (MWP), where appropriate, in alignment to the LA Strategy and their agreed identified Technical, Physical and Performance Goals.

2025 – 2028 Personal Programme Performance Standards

All fighters who wish to attend IJF World Tour Events and EJU Events must follow the [LA2028 Cycle Personal Programme Policy Process & Criteria, and strictly adhere to the timelines as stated in the policy](#).

*Results can be gained anytime during the period **January 2025 to November 2028** which fighters will retain throughout the whole of the Olympic Cycle (i.e: results are **NOT** reset after each year).*

Programme Level	IJF Grand Slams	IJF Grand Prix	SNR IJF Continental Opens	SNR European & Continental Cups	JNR European & Continental Cups
WCPP	Events planned, where <u>appropriate</u> , into a Fighters MWP – individual Medal Winning Plan				
British SENIOR Squad Members	Grand Prix top 7 OR 2x SNR European Open medals OR u23 Europeans medal	1 x SNR European Open Medal OR 2x SNR European Open top 5 Places OR u23 Europeans top 5 OR 100 SNR WRL Points	YES	YES (Also available to fighters NOT on the GB Senior Squad)	n/a
British JUNIOR Squad Members	Grand Prix top 7 OR 2x SNR European Open medals OR u23 Europeans medal OR JNR Europeans medal OR JNR Worlds top 5	1 x SNR European Open Medal OR 2x SNR European Open top 5 Places OR u23 Europeans top 5 OR 100 SNR WRL Points OR JNR Europeans top 5 OR JNR Worlds top 7	YES	YES (Also available to fighters NOT on the GB Junior Squad)	YES (Also available to fighters NOT on the GB Junior Squad)
Non-Squad Members	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES

In Summary:

- Fighters who are on the **British SENIOR Squad**, can apply to attend SNR IJF Continental Opens and SNR European & Continental Cups.
- Fighters who are on the **British JUNIOR Squad**, can apply to attend SNR IJF Continental Opens, SNR European & Continental Cups, and JNR European & Continental Cups.
- **IJF GRAND PRIX's:** Fighters who are on the British JUNIOR or SENIOR Squad **AND** at the time of the application deadline have achieved: **1x SNR European medal OR 2x top 5 Places at SNR European Opens OR u23 European Championships top 5 OR 100 SNR WRL points OR a top 5 place at the JNR European Championships OR a top 7 place at the JNR World Championships**, can apply to attend Grand Prix's.
- **IJF GRAND SLAMS:** Fighters who are on the **British JUNIOR or SENIOR Squad AND** at the time of the application deadline have achieved **a Grand Prix top 7 place, OR 2x SNR European Open medals OR u23 European Championships medal OR a JNR European Championships medal OR a JNR World Championships top 5 place**, can apply to attend Grand Slams.
- Fighters who are **NOT** on the GB Junior or Senior Squad **CAN** apply to attend Junior and Senior European Cups & Continental Cups through their Home Nation Programme.

Injured Fighters

Fighters who have been injured and missed the British Championships can apply for co-option through their Home Nations by providing a **clear performance rationale** for consideration. Please refer to the GB Squad Co-Option Policy for details on how to apply.

Prioritisation of Allocated Places at IJF World Tour Events

IJF Rules state that any nation can name unlimited fighters per weight category for an IJF Continental Open and no more than 2 fighters per weight category for a Grand Prix and Grand Slam.

Where more than two fighters in the same weight category apply for the same Grand Prix or Grand Slam, the 2 highest ranked fighters on the IJF ranking list (at the time of the application deadline) will take priority. WCPP fighters will not be given priority over any other fighters outside of the Olympic Qualification Window.

Olympic Qualification window (June 2026 onwards)

Where the number of fighters selected or applying for a Grand Prix or Grand Slam exceed the number of places available, the Performance Leadership Team (PLT) and Men & Women's LA Olympic Coaches, will take into consideration a fighters WR and potential to qualify for the LA 2028 Olympic Games in alignment to the LA Strategy and may prioritise non-WCPP fighters for allocated Grand Prix and Grand Slam places ahead of WCPP fighters or not, and will also prioritise the 1st reserve, 2nd reserve and so on.

Fighters on the WCPP can only apply for Grand Prix's or Grand Slam's as part of their Personal Programme once it's agreed with the GB Performance Coaches that the event forms part of their individual Medal Winning Plan.

Coaching at IJF Continental Open, Grand Prix and Grand Slam Events

Home Nation, Personal, or Club Coaches will be allowed to mat side coach their fighter (attending as part of their Personal Programme) at any IJF Continental Open, Grand Prix, or Grand Slam, whether a GB WCPP Delegation is in attendance or not.

Note – Coaches will be responsible for their own Judobase subscription costs and hold the appropriate IJF Coaching award to coach on the IJF World Tour.

When a GB WCPP Delegation attends an IJF Continental Open, Grand Prix, or Grand Slam, fighters who attend as part of their Personal Programme will have the option to be coached by the GB Coaching Team should their Home Nation, Personal, or Club Coach not be in attendance.

*In respect of all GB fighters, there will be no mat side coaching at IJF WR events, and JNR & SNR European Opens or Cups, **when two GB fighters compete against each other.**

Coaching at Pathway and Major Championships

Selection for major championships will be in accordance with the published GB selection policies.

GB WCPP & Home Nation Coaches will be the only coaches who are permitted to coach at Junior European & Junior World Championships, u23 European Championships, Senior European & Senior World Championships, and Olympic Games. Fighters selected for these events, will be coached by the identified GB Coaching Team.

Any GB fighter that is selected for the Junior European & Junior World Championships, u23 European Championships, Senior European & Senior World Championships, IJF World Masters and the Olympic Games will be selected to attend with the GB Team.

The GB WCPP will cover all costs, and all GB fighters will travel with the GB Team and be coached by the GB Coaching Team. Home Nation, Personal or Club Coaches can apply to be accredited for any of these events but must cover all associated costs to attend these events and work in conjunction with the GB Coaching Team as a Support Coach.

Late Withdrawal from IJF Grand Prix and Grand Slams

It is appreciated, that at times, a fighter may have to withdraw from an allocated event at short notice for any number of reasons. It is expected that, should a fighter have to withdraw from an allocated place in a Grand Prix or Grand Slam, then they notify British Judo immediately of their withdrawal in order to give time, for any reserve fighter, the opportunity to consider taking up the re-allocated place.

Note: The LA Cycle WCPP IJF World Tour Events Personal Programme Criteria will be reviewed on an annual basis.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for Grand Prix's & Grand Slams:

Please complete and send the Personal Programme Application Form to: john.bramall@britishjudo.org.uk by **12:00noon of the published Application Deadline Date of the event (see "Personal Programme Event Deadline Dates" calendar).**

Any Grand Prix or Grand Slam application received after the deadline date will **NOT** be considered.

All applications will be reviewed by the GB Olympic Coaches and successful fighters will be notified and asked to submit their event requirements & payment via the: www.britishjudo.org.uk/international-event-entry

To apply for Junior & Senior European Cups, Senior European Opens and EJU OTCs:

Application and entry is via the following BJA International Event Entry online webform:
www.britishjudo.org.uk/international-event-entry

All applications **MUST** be made prior to the deadline date(s) as stated on the International Event Entry Form. Entries after this date will **NOT** be considered.

The Judobase Entry, Hotel Reservation, Visa Invitation Letter requests and communication with the Host Federation will be made centrally by British Judo as single point of contact.

To apply for Junior & Senior Non-European Continental Cups & Opens:

Please submit your Judobase Entry request to include your name, event, and weight category to:
stefan.newbury@britishjudo.org.uk
All applications **MUST** be made prior to the Judobase deadline date. Entries received after this date will **NOT** be considered.

IMPORTANT: Apart from your Judobase Entry, you will need to make all arrangements (flights, accommodation bookings etc) to attend Non-European Continental Cups & Opens.

Please note:

Fighters **MUST** always abide by the BJA Fighter Code of Conduct when representing Great Britain at International Events. GB WCPP Staff are **UNABLE** to act as a Chaperone to Personal Programme fighters during events.

It is highly recommended that no financial commitments / bookings are made until the official Event Outlines have been published by the IJF / EJU. Fighters are 100% responsible for ensuring their own judogi jacket / trousers / belt pass judogi control.

Personal Programme Fighters / Coaches do **NOT** have to travel / stay in the same hotel as the GB WCPP Delegation. **HOWEVER**, all payments **MUST** be made prior to arrival.

The Event Accreditation **MUST** only be attended by the nominated GB Team Leader. Personal Programme fighters / coaches should contact the GB Team Leader on arrival to obtain their Accreditation Pass.

IMPORTANT: *Fighters are responsible for ensuring their BJA Membership Licence is in date and for organising their own Travel / Medical Insurance when attending International Events as part of their Personal Programme as the BJA Travel Insurance Policy does **NOT** cover them.*

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